

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 23. (cancelled)

24. (new) A device for identifying articles comprising a contactless label of the RFID type, the articles being aligned on a support, the device comprising at least one antenna, said at least one antenna being included in a flexible head suitable for deforming in contact with a contour of at least some of the articles aligned to present a zone in contact with said contour of the articles in contact, and a zone extending a manipulation medium.

25. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a means of connection with a power supply module of said at least one antenna.

26. (new) The device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the connection means consists of a wireless connection means.

27. (new) The device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the connection means consists of a wired connection means.

28. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a power supply module.

29. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a data storage means.

30. (new) The device as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a comparison means for comparing retrieved or collected items of data originating from a contactless label with an item of prerecorded data, corresponding to a particular label, in the data storage means.

31. (new) The device as claimed in claim 30, further comprising an audible and/or visual signaling means, where necessary delivered via a user interface, signaling each retrieval of data or the retrieval of an item of data corresponding to a particular label.

32. (new) The device as claimed in claim 30, further comprising an input means for designating a book to be found and entering its identification in the comparing means.

33. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the head has a shape homothetic to the shape of the at least one antenna, that is to say having dimensions at least greater than those of the at least one antenna.

34. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the head has a rectangular or ovoidal shape.

35. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the head has a gripping means for allowing the head to be transported and handled by an operator.

36. (new) The device as claimed in claim 35, wherein the head is connected to the gripping means via a joint means for allowing said head to rotate on its axis and to have a freedom of angular movement of the order of  $\pm 20^\circ$ .

37. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising said device being mounted on a movement means.

38. (new) The device as claimed in claim 35, wherein the gripping means comprises an activation trigger means for activating/deactivating the at least one antenna.

39. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the flexible head is made of plastic.

40. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein each label comprises a data storage means, capable of recording a n-bit binary code; and at least a portion of said data storage means being rewritable.

41. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a user interface making it possible to display the items of data originating from the contactless label.

42. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the flexible head has numerous fingers.

43. (new) The device as claimed in claim 42, wherein each of the fingers comprises at least one antenna.

44. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the at least one antenna in the flexible head consists of a three-dimensional antenna or a flat antenna.

45. (new) The device as claimed in claim 24, further comprising the gripping means comprising a telescopic tube capable of

increasing or reducing the distance between said gripping means and the flexible head.

46. (new) A system for the identification of articles comprising numerous contactless labels of the RFID type disposed on aligned articles and a device comprising an antenna, included in a flexible head capable of deforming in contact with a contour of at least some of the articles aligned to present a zone in contact with the contour of the articles in contact, and a zone extending a manipulation medium.